



# FACT SHEET

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Savings Thru Value Enhancement (\$AVE)

#### WHY \$AVE?

\$AVE can provide an alternate funding source for Air Force maintainers, engineers, and logisticians to improve reliability or eliminate vanishing vendor problems with DLA managed items. Currently projects include replacing wooden aircraft chocks with composite ones, approving recycled hydraulic fluid for aircraft use and testing composite enclosures for aerospace ground equipment.

The \$AVE project submittal process is streamlined to provide user friendly support. The key for quick project approval is up front information. The input form requires the national stock number of the item, the source of supply, the background or history of the problem, the proposed solution, cost/benefit information, and project schedule. The project is submitted to the MAJCOM focal point, who verbally coordinates with the engineering support activity at the appropriate depot. The MAJCOM forwards the project to the TTO, who reviews and funds the submitted project, usually within 30 days.

#### SCOPE

The \$AVE Program was established to improve the reliability and maintainability (R&M) of DLA managed parts. DLA initiated and funded the \$AVE Program in 1993. Currently \$1 million is provided to each branch of military service to identify and correct deficiencies with DLA stock listed items. R&M may be improved through reverse engineering to eliminate sole source or vanishing vendor problems, breakout/value engineering, etc. A primary requirement of the \$AVE program is the project must have at least a 10 to 1 return on investment (ROI). This ROI may accrue to either the military or DLA. Both DLA and the military services will benefit from the savings achieved through increased competition, use of available organic resources, and expertise.

#### FUNDING

The DLA \$AVE Program allocates \$1 million going to each branch of the armed services. In addition, the DLA's Defense General Supply Center (DGSC) is administering a centralized contract effort valued at up to \$3 million to allow contractors the same opportunity as each branch of the armed services. The Air Force \$AVE Program is managed by Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) Technology Transition Office (TTO).

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